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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Micah Richardson, 23, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced on February 10, 2009, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 156 months in prison for selling crack cocaine. This term of imprisonment will be followed by three years of supervised release. In addition, approximately \$5,000 that was found in Richardson's possession when he was arrested was forfeited to the United States. Richardson pleaded guilty to this charge on December 8, 2008.

On June 2, 2008, Richardson sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer. His sentence was increased because he beat a man with a bat over a \$40 drug debt. Judge Crabb indicated that a 13-year sentence was needed for Richardson because he was a danger to the community.

The charges against Richardson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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